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THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Commissioner for Government Examinations has been instructed that greater care should be taken in the preparation of abridgements of books. From 1959-60 a Committee of three persons well-versed in English language and literature is being appointed every year to scrutinize the two non-detailed text-books in English for the S.S.L.C Examination and the detailed text-book in English for the E.S.L.C. Examination. An errata to the book 'Quentin Durward' was issued. Copies of the books were reprinted after carrying out all the corrections and a copy was distributed free of cost to each one of the institutions where it was prescribed for non-detailed study.

SRI N. K. PALANISAMI: இந்த "க்வின்டின் டர்வார்ட்" பற்றி, 'கிரமாட்டிக்கல் மிஸ்டேக்ஸ்,' 'ஸ்பெலிங் மிஸ்டேக்ஸ்' போன்றவைகள் அதிகமாயிருக்கின்றன என்று குற்றஞ்சாட்டப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அதற்கு காரணம் என்ன? இதை பப்ளிஷ் செய்வதற்கு முன்பு ஸ்க்ரூட்டினி செய்யப்படவில்லையா?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: முன்னமேயே இக் கேள்வி கேட்கப்பட்டு விஸ்தாரமாக பதில் அளிக்கப்பட்டு இருக்கிறது. அதை எடுத்துப் பார்த்தால் எல்லா விவரங்களும் தெரியும்.

Publication of Text-book by Government

* 869 Q.—SRI A. A. RASHEED: Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the attention of the Government has been drawn to the remarks of Dr. K. L. Shrimali on the publication of text-books by Government?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The Government have seen Press Reports on the subject.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: Is it a fact that the Union Minister for Education has advised this Government not to take up the publication of text-books? If so, what steps have been taken in that connection and what reply has been given to him?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have not received any advice in this matter.

SRI A. A. RASHEED: May I know whether the text-books for the next academic year have been prepared? If not, will they be prepared in time so as to be ready before the opening of schools?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: We have published only the text-book in English for the V Standard. That has been printed.

SRI K. VINAYAKAM: May I know what is the inference this Government have drawn from the statement of Dr. Shrimali? Is it the intention of this Government to flout his advice even though it is a rational one?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM: The only inference we could draw is that there is scope for difference of opinion in this matter.